MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to the interpellation asked by Mr. M. Sivatanu Pillai.*

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Are the Government in a position to say whether the order has been communicated to Mr. Naidu?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The order was communicated to the District Magistrate. It must have been communicated to Mr. Naidu by him.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Are the Government in a position to say definitely that it was communicated to Mr. Naidu?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not in a position to say that now.

Scheme for the Improvement of the Salt Industry.

50. MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. G. Nilakantan, Assistant Commissioner in charge of the Salt Factories, has submitted any scheme for the improvement of the salt industry; and,

(*b*) if so, whether they will be pleased to place on the table the scheme together with the Excise Commissioner's proposals and the orders passed by the Government thereon?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The proposals made by Mr. Nilakantan, with the Excise Commissioner's suggestions involving structural work, are under examination by the Chief Engineer. The latter has been requested to send up his report without delay. Government think that no useful purpose will be served by placing the correspondence on the table at this stage.

Divesting of Tahsildars of Magisterial work.

51. MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are considering the question of relieving the Tahsildars of the magisterial powers now exercised by them?

*The question and answer are not included as the member was absent at question time. They are reproduced hereunder:—

Prohibition Order on Mr. M. E. Naidu.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Are the Government aware (*a*) that an order of prohibition from participating in any public meeting was served on Mr. M. E. Naidu, the Medical Practitioner of Kottar, in connection with the Vaikam *Satyagraha* movement;

(*b*) that such order continues in force in the Trivandrum District while it has been revoked in the Quilon District by a recent Government Notification; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to revoke such order in the Trivandrum District as well, in view of the fact that the object of the Vaikam *Satyagraha* has been almost attained?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No. It has been revoked by an order to the District Magistrate, Trivandrum, vide G.O., R. O. C. No. 563 of 24/Judl., dated the 22nd August, 1925.

(*c*) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

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